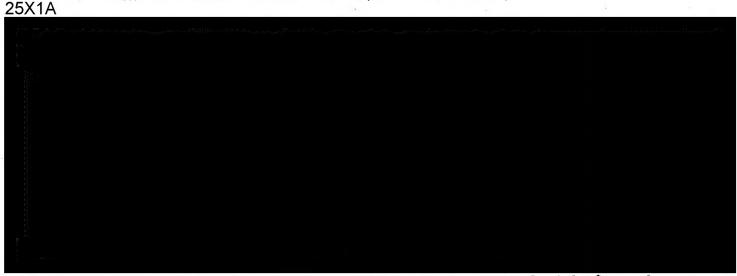
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The Honorable The Secretary of Defense Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It is understood that the Separtment of Sefence is assisting Senator Lodge in drafting legislation, which the Senator may later introduce, to authorise the enlistment by the US Army for foreign service of 100,000 or more aliens who are nationals of the USSE and of sountries within the Soviet orbit.

to the experiment of Defense is meare, this agency is very much interested in aliens of these national origins. In addition to being the source of extremely valuable information, they also provide recruits for a wide-range of the activities which are authorised under \$80 10/2 and related papers.



It is understood that General Seber of the legislative and Liaison Branch in the Department of the Army is presently sorking on the new draft of Senator Lodge's bill. If the Department of Sefence has no objection, CIA would like to designate a member of its staff to consult with Seneral Seber from the point of view of CIA interest

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in the provisions of the bill. It is assumed that the final version of the bill vill include a broad clause empowering the Secretary of the Army to issue from time to time such regulations necessary for him to carry out the provisions of the bill, and it is suggested also that this CIA official consult with appropriate officials of the Department of the Army as to the arrangements which should be made to insure that these regulations take CIA's interests appropriately into account.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

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